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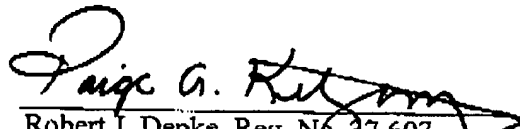
REMARKS

The informalities of claims 1 and 7 have been corrected as suggested by the Examiner.

Independent claims 1 and 7 have also been amended to provide that the magnetic head assembly is used in connection with a helical scan tape drive. Each of the cited references describes a magnetic head for use in connection with linear tape drive. Unlike helical scan tape drives which provide a rotating head, linear tape drives provide stationary heads. Because the references cited do not disclose a magnetic head assembly as provided in amended claims 1 and 7, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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